## **Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust and Swanage Area Forum**

## **SPECIAL APRIL 2023 UPDATE BULLETIN**

Below is a statement from Bob Foster outlining the agreement of the Dorset Council relating to The Chapel Lane complex and its transfer from Dorset Council to The Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust with the support of Swanage Town Council.

"I am delighted to report that Dorset Council Cabinet confirmed, at its meeting, yesterday, that the Asset Transfer of the Day Centre and Children's Centre, to the Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust, was approved."

A Health and Wellbeing Hub will be created which will be part of a network of Family Hubs offering one-stop services for families, two of which have already been launched in other parts of the county.

It will be operated and delivered by the Swanage and Purbeck Development Trust and supported by Swanage Town Council.



The hub will enable children's and adults' services to be delivered differently and will enable wider usage of the underoccupied Chapel Lane site for community benefit. This will be achieved through an intergenerational Family Hub, offering an enhanced range of health and well-being services to the local community provided by a range of different organisations.

Bob went on to say "We've never had anything quite like this in Swanage before and the hub will be a great place for people of all ages to gather and meet socially as well as to access essential services. There will be a community café which will be open every day and having a reception desk means that visitors can get help to find what they need both in person and by phone. In many cases the help they get will be provided at the hub itself or very locally."

The formalities are hoped to be completed by mid July, when the site will be adapted for its proposed uses and opened up for use.





